

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 23-41 are pending in the application. Claims 23-35 and 40 are allowed. Claims 36-39 and 41 are rejected.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §§ 101 and 112, second paragraph

Claims 36-39 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 because the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter. Independent claim 36 has been amended to overcome this rejection. Accordingly, applicants respectfully request the rejection of claims 36-39 under 35 U.S.C. § 101 be withdrawn.

Claim 41 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Claim 41 has been amended to overcome this rejection. Accordingly, applicants respectfully request that the rejection of claim 41 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph be withdrawn.

It is believed that this Amendment places the application in condition for allowance, and early favorable consideration of this Amendment is earnestly solicited.

If, in the opinion of the Examiner, an interview would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

The Office is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayments under 37 C.F.R. §1.16 or §1.17 to Deposit Account No. **11-0600**.

Respectfully submitted,
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